

ranks by the unmistakable implication that his re-election is greatly desired by the triumvirate of holy men on South Temple street.

The tide seems to settle toward Mr. Morris this week, and the current setting in his favor threatens to leave Mr. Lynch on an island by himself. However, Democratic and Republican politics in Salt Lake in a campaign is a good deal like the raging Missouri in a freshet—daily gouging the banks and making new channels. When the waters recede on the 7th of next month, we shall know how much damage has been done to either bank. But this week the current has been setting strong for Morris. The old ladies have mysteriously picked up an idea that the mayor by his unaided efforts has had twenty-three miles of cement sidewalk and put in innumerable crossings. Some one will have to make a diversion in favor of Mr. Lynch or he will have cold feet on election day. He still clings to his office, which is natural, for gentlemen, as a rule, are more stunning in uniform. By the way, speaking of personal appearances, a roustabout paralyzed the crowd in front of Billie La Vielle's the other morning by asking why the head of the chief of police was like heaven, and then saying: "There is neither parting nor dying there."

It was comical to see the performances of Mr. Fernstrom at the council meeting on Monday night. A proposition was made to have the figures of recent municipal expenses given. It looked like an effort for an accounting and Fernstrom was righteously indignant. He discussed the question in the same tone that the head of the dominant church put on when discussing the question of accounting for the tithes at the last conference.

Fernstrom evidently believes that only the faithful should examine the books, and seemed to

forget that taxes are not quite voluntary offerings, but hold-ups in which the people are interested.

The spirit of prophecy is on Jake Greenwald. He is so certain of Mr. Lynch's election that he wonders why the other candidates do not withdraw. The only trouble about Jakie is that at divers times in the past it has taken him three months after election to explain that his prophecy was all right but was neutralized by the perfidy of supposed friends and the blunders of idiots who were not equal to the responsibilities placed in their hands.

In the meantime the quiet canvassers report to American headquarters that there is sure enough a ground swell rising and running for the American candidates, especially for mayor and city attorney and particularly for councilmen.

There was never a campaign here before where there were so many confident men and at the same time there was so much general doubt of the result. The doubt hangs on the probable action of the church. While whispers are persistent that the Smoot wing is working for one candidate, the other wing insists that the promises made to secure the franchise graft must be carried out.

It is the first time the church has tried to perform the two-horse riding act since in the old days in Nauvoo the prophet voted for one candidate as he had promised to, but through the "influence of Brother Hyrum," all the Mormon people voted for the opposing candidate.

That was one of the straws that broke the camel's back in Illinois, and it is a dangerous game.

Fortunately, it will not be long now until the agony will be over. For the sake of Salt Lake and its immediate future, we may all pray that the best ticket may win.

Will Nebeker is torturing the life out of Judge Hiles by asking him how much he is paying for votes, and explaining to him that he ought to be generous for the emoluments of the office almost equal the salary of a motorman on an open Salt Lake street car.

Voters are thinking that a mayor should possess certain qualifications, among which are the following:

That he should have fine executive ability. That he from experience should know enough about work to judge when work is honestly and faithfully done.

That he should be a thorough business man.

That his interests should cause him to be anxious for the best progress of the city. That he should be honest and have courage enough to do his duty.

All such voters will cast their ballots for Ezra Thompson.

A city attorney should be soft hearted enough to be just, resolute enough to perform his duties, no matter what the opposition may be; too level-headed to ever get rattled; experienced in the duties of the office; always solicitous for the good name of the city, always careful that no unnecessary expenses are incurred—a man who possesses so sterling a character that men trust him implicitly. A candidate of that order is now in the field in this city, and his name is Ogden Hiles.

A man asked E. G. O'Donnell how his campaign in the second ward was getting on. He smiled and said, "all right." Again the question: "But do you think you will get away with your opponent?" At this O'Donnell put on a professional look and said with conviction: "I will bury the sucker."

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